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SIGNATURE IN MOSCOW OF SOVIET-CUBAN TRADE AGREEMENTS

1. SOVIET PRESS HAS CARRIED UNUSUALLY BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS OF TWO
NEW TRADE AGREEENTS BETWEEN USSR AND CUBA.

2. A FIVE-YEAR (1976-1980) PROTOCOL ON MUTUAL TRADE DELIVERIES
WAS SIGNED IN MOSCOW ON FEBRUARY 6 BY SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE
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FRENANDEZ FONT. A SEPARATE PROTOCOL FOR TRADE DURING 1976 WAS

ALSO SIGNED, AS WELL AS "A NUMBER OF OTHER DOCUMENTS CONCERNED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

I.V. ARKHIPOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, WHO IS CONCERNED WITH SPECIAL AID PROJECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, WAS REPORTED AS PRESENT AT SIGNING CEREMONIES. IZVESTIYA FEBRUARY 9 REPORTED DEPARTURE OF FERNANDEZ FONT FROM USSR ON FEBRUARY 8.

3. COMMENT - ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE WHETHER BREVITY IN SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS IS DELIBERATE, WE NOTE THAT THERE IS SIMILAR LACK OF DETAIL IN ECONOMIC PRESS (TASS VESTNIK, STSIALISTICKAYA INDUSTRIYA), OTHER PUBLICATIONS WHICH USUALLY, AT MINIMUM, LISTS COMMODITIES BEING EXCHANGED AND RUBLE VALUE OF TRADE TURNOVER. PRESENCE OF ARKHIPOV, HOWEVER, AND ALSO REFERENCE TO "OTHER DOCUMENTS" POINT TO POSSIBILITY OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC AID AND COOPERATION AGREEMENTS. SOME INFORMATION ON THESE SHOULD SURFACE OVER NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.
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